

Johnson and Boehling Will Twirl Tomorrow---Griffmen in Good Condition

JOE BOEHLING AND JOHNSON TO TWIRL

Manager Griffith Will Send His Star Flingers After the Phillies Tomorrow.

GALLIA DOES SOME WORK

Meusel Shows Unmistakable Batting Strength in Practice at Park This Morning.

PROBABLE LINE-UP.

GRIFFMEN.	PHILLIES.
Moeller, rf.	Paskert, cf.
Foster, 3b.	Byrne, 2b.
Milan, 1b.	Robert, 3b.
Gandi, 1b.	Nagee, lf.
Morgan, 2b.	Cravath, rf.
Shanks, lf.	Luderus, lb.
W. Smith, ss.	Irelan, ss.
Henry, c.	Doin, c.
A. Williams, c.	Burns, c.
Harper, p.	Madison, p.
Ragel, p.	Gaddy, p.
Cashion, p.	Mayer, p.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

Walter Perry Johnson and John Joseph Boehling will tomorrow demonstrate to random their condition by appearing in the box against the Phillies. This afternoon it will be Carl Cashion and Joe Engel, but tomorrow will be sent into combat the strongest team that Griffith can select from the material at his disposal.

This morning there was an informal game between the regulars and the recruits. Bert Gallia performed for the vets, while Johnny Mumford was on the mound for the newcomers. The feature of the engagement was the free hitting. Ed Meusel starting in this regard by smashing out a triple to the right field fence which sent Joe Gideon in with the first run of the game.

Ed Almshut officiated as umpire, being kept out of more active work by a bruise to a finger on his throwing hand. Almshut could get back to work as soon as desired.

Cravath was out for a short batting practice, but he was the only Phillie to appear at the park this morning.

All of the visitors from Philadelphia were strong in their praise of the two new pitchers, some saying that Shaw's fast ball and control would carry him through any game, while others opined that Bentley's change of pace will always prove troublesome.

"If the Feds survive one season I would not be surprised to see them brought into organized baseball," commented Bentley today as he practically admitted that the activity of the outlaws had shattered each and every hope of the Philadelphiaans who had been backing his club to cop that pennant in the National League.

There is nothing to be gained by this war, and I think peace will be declared. It can be proven that there is room for a third league.

While they have suffered from lack of hitting practice, every man on the Washington team came through with one or more hits, excepting Almshut, who was driven out before he could get his quota of attempts in leading the ball out of the reach of the fielders.

Lavender Victorious.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 27.—The Chicago Cubs clashed with the Louisville Association team yesterday, winning by the score of 6 to 1. Three runs in the opening stanza were enough to put the game on ice for the Cubs. Lavender pitched good ball, letting down the Colonels with but three hits and striking out five batsmen. The Louisville pitchers proved soft picking:

The score: R. H. E.
Chicago..... 30 00 20-4 12 5
Louisville..... 10 00 00-1 2 4
Batteries—Lavender and 2-ber, Northrop, Glenn, Leverett, and Severoid.

GRIFFMEN'S CARD

Tomorrow—Phillies.
March 30—Brooklyn.
March 31—Brooklyn.
April 1—Newark.
April 2—Newark.
April 3—Vermont University.
April 4—At Cincinnati.
April 5—At Cincinnati.
April 6—Vigilant A. C.
April 7—Cardinal A. C.
April 8—Catholic University.
April 9—Maryland Aggies.
April 10—Boston Braves.
April 11—Nationals at Richmond.
April 12—At Providence.
April 13—At Providence.

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GRIFF'S OUTFIT LOOKS IN SHAPE TO BEGIN ITS FIGHT FOR LEAGUE FLAG

By THOMAS KIRBY.

The Washington ball club is ready. From the camp in Virginia came rumors and reports of the impossibility of the ball players reaching the proper physical condition because of unkind weather. Many in the loyal legion had led themselves to believe that Griffith would bring back to Washington a lot of almost cripples, and it would be well into the summer before the club would be able to show anywhere near the stride that carried it to glory last year.

But twice on the home grounds the Nationals have gone out and delivered. The victories over Georgetown and the Philadelphia Nationals in themselves, mean little, but it was the manner in which the whole of the Griffithian gentry jumped into the game that appealed to those who have been following every move. When the club left Charlottesville two years ago the players were not ready, but they came here and caught good weather that hurried them into shape. Last year it was somewhat cooler, but at the beginning of the regular season there was a sudden change that brought about the proper priming of the athletes.

Anything you want to say about that experience at Charlottesville this year, the fact that the men came into Virginia better prepared than in the past served to overcome the other handicap. Take, for instance, that infield. Fifty per cent of it is in grand shape, where last year there was much lacking in that regard. Ed Foster was little more than a physical wreck when the 1913 opening was staged, while Gandil had to several weeks before he was able to get going in a way that supported the excellent record which he had made in the preceding season. Today both of these men are in shape, and their unworldly activity is reflected in the work of the whole combination. True, McBride is still laid up, but he is being kept out of the line-up more for the sake of precaution than because he is not able to get into the game in case his services should be badly needed.

No pitcher who has yet been started has failed to show that he is vastly improved through his experience in Charlottesville, and this does not even include Walter Johnson and Joe Boehling, the pair upon whom so much is to depend if the Nationals are to be potent factors in the coming race.

The most encouraging feature of the game yesterday was the pitching of Jim Shaw and Johnny Bentley. Don't be misled by extravagant statements of the wonderful prowess of those Phillies. Riddled by the Federal League and stopped in their training in the South by poor grounds and condition, Doolin's men do not impress. They felt better about their experience in Philadelphia, as seemed to be extending themselves to any great extent as they were turning the opposition back with but four hits, three off the former and one off the latter.

Wally Smith won lots of friends by his work yesterday. In fielding he was all over the stretch that he was guarding in the absence of McBride, and when it came to hitting he was way out there pounding out a double and a pair of singles and twice crossing the plate.

None of the Phillies seem to think their club will be deprived of the services of Billy Killifer, on whom papers were yesterday served from the Federal League in the hope of having him restrained from playing in the organized ranks. Killifer accepted the offer without attempting to avoid the deputy marshal and now the whole thing is in the hands of resident Baker, who will see to it that his prized catcher receives the proper legal advice in the case which will be held in the courts of Michigan.

FULTZ LEADS ATTACK ON ORGANIZED BALL

Will Carry Appeal to National Commission and Fraternity May Declare Strike.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Organized baseball finds itself facing another pretty little wrangle today. President Dave Fultz, of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, has donned his war paint and promised the great fathers of the diamond support a battle to the finish.

President Dave is nettled and incensed over the National Commission's construction of section 18, of the Cincinnati peace pact. Fultz today promised to carry an appeal to the commission, and if redress is not granted, organized baseball may face a strike on the part of the players' fraternity.

According to the commission's ruling section 18 would not conflict with the old method of returning drafted players. In other words, a drafted player could be returned to class A clubs without class AA clubs being given a chance to get him. This, Fultz says, is entirely against the intent of the clause adopted.

The Southern Association, a class A circuit, put up an awful howl when the players were granted this request, and it may be probable that the commission was somewhat influenced by the attitude of the Southern Association.

Another loop hole for trouble was seen today in a finding of the National Commission dealing with side agreements between clubs and players, which agreements were banned at the instance of the fraternity. The commission revokes the clause invalidating such agreements.

Mack's Kids Lose.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 27.—Loose flailing by Connie Mack's young stars gave Jacksonville a 7-to-1 victory here yesterday. Bender pitched a shut ball for three frames, but his support was weak.

TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

In defeating Charlie Doolin's Phillies in the opening game of the series, the Griffmen have not done anything remarkable. Remember, boys, the Phillies have bumped into bad weather at Wilmington. They were unable to get in much more practice than the Griffmen got at Charlottesville. Jack Dunn's Baltimore Orioles spanked them three days running. They have landed in town without the experience of facing curve pitching. Furthermore, they are not even in good physical condition right now, far from the form shown by Mique Martin's charges. To call the Phillies "that hard-hitting crew" may be all right in July, but it hardly comports with fact now. At the same time, Clark Griffith smiles at the good work of his own boys, knowing how little strength the enemy has.

Making Johnny Evers captain of the Boston Braves means that Stallings' outfit will be after every little thing from bell to bell. If ever there was a jumping, howling dervish on the baselines, it is the "Human Crab," John Joseph Evers, of Troy, N. Y. He wants everything his way and will strain every nerve to get it. Well, he's captain of the Braves now. Watch him do things.

It is a graceful thing to do, postponing the bouts at the Ardmore club as a token of respect to the memory of Johnny O'Connor, charter member in the club and long connected with sport in the Capital. It will have the united support of the boxing fans of Washington.

Insists on Remaining With Joe Tinker's Club

SHREVEPORT, La., March 27.—Pitcher Tom Seaton, who came to the Chicago Federals from the Philadelphia Nationals, reiterated today his declaration that he would not go to the Brooklyn Tip Tops. He says he signed with Chicago and will play with Tinker or no one. Manager Tinker had a talk with Seaton and urged him to go with President Ward's club, but Tom is adamant.

Brownies, 13 to 4.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 27.—The St. Louis Americans defeated the Nashville Southern League club 13 to 4 yesterday. Three young pitchers were hit hard by the visitors. Score: R. H. E. St. Louis..... 13 12 3 Nashville..... 4 11 7
Batteries—James, Crossin, Snyder, Marlet, Marshall, and Rogers.

Ardmore Show Off.

Owing to the death of John J. O'Connor, brother of Patrick F. O'Connor and charter member of the Maryland Athletic Club, the boxing show scheduled to be held at Ardmore next Monday night has been indefinitely postponed.

Turns Down Governor; Mackmen Slaughter Bill

RALEIGH, N. C., March 27.—Governor Craig was turned down at the pass gate here yesterday by Joe von Ohl, business manager of the world's champion Athletics, when he came to see the Mackmen play Earl Mack's minor leaguers. He proved a good fan, though, purchasing a ticket and finding his own seat. The Mackmen slaughtered the ball, pounding out sixteen bingles, three of them doubles. Collins and Strunk got three blows apiece. The score: R. H. E. Athletics..... 020 101 210-10 16 2 Raleigh..... 009 000 000-1 7 4
Batteries—Athletics, Bush, Durning, and Schang, Lapp; Raleigh, Myers, Von, Evans and Riley.

Yankees, 12 to 3.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 27.—It was soft going for the New York Yankees here yesterday, for they smashed the offerings of Rubie Kissinger all over the lot. The score: R. H. E. Yankees..... 060 123 001-12 9 1 Atlanta..... 009 000 019-3 4 4
Batteries—Yankees, Thompson, Warhop and Sweeney; Atlanta, Kissinger, Price and Reynolds.

Introducing One More of Clark Griffith's Youngsters, the Silent Phenom from Bayonne, N. J., Mr. W. J. Lee, Esquire.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

One of the orders that prevail in the Washington ball club is that everyone on the team is to shout encouragement at every juncture of the game. This is one of the novel ideas of C. C. Griffith in the development of the outfit that has caused so many upsets in the American League.

So in order to be thoroughly inconsistent this will introduce the third member of the silent league—W. J. Lee, of Bayonne, N. J. Up to the time he was picked up in the jersey wilds Lee's principal claim to glory on the diamond was limited to the T. A. B. team in his home town. Jack Ryan saw him in action and opined that he would make a real bid for a place here, so Mr. Griffith sent him a contract.

Lee is still a child, from a baseball viewpoint, and it may be necessary for him to go back for further experience before he can hope to rate as a real sure-enough ball player, but the impression that he has made has

been most favorable and he may be heard from before the consummation of another season.

Lee was so ambitious while he was at Charlottesville that he hurt his throwing arm, but even that has rounded to and the little fellow is now in good shape.

Central Takes Trip.

Central High School is to tackle the Eastern College team, of Manassas, Va., tomorrow afternoon. Eastern has yet to play a game, having been forced to call off its trip of a week ago. The Manassas High School team, which has scheduled several games with Washington high school teams, has yet to get its start, according to reports.

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